

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ido Rabinovitch on 1/11/11.

In claim 34 line 6 change "means to receive" to "means for receiving".

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-12, 14, 20-23, 25-26, 31, 34-49, & 51-62 are allowed. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: 1-12, 14, 20-23, 25-26, 31, 34-49, & 51-62 are considered allowable since no prior art reference or combination of prior art references disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in the independent claims including:

"receiving at the gateway from said policy control entity a message indicating a traffic flow control policy decided on the basis of information regarding the type of the access network; and enforcing at the gateway in the provisioning of said service via said access network the traffic flow control policy" in combination with other claim limitations as specified in claims 1 & 25.

"a decision making processor configured to decide a traffic flow control policy to apply to the communication via the gateway based on information of the type of the access network send from the gateway to a policy control entity, wherein communications are controlled based on decision by the decision making processor, the decision including the traffic flow control policy sent from the policy control entity to the gateway" in combination with other claim limitations as specified in claim 26.

"a gateway configured to receive from said policy control entity a message indicating a traffic flow control policy decided on the basis of information regarding the type of the access network; and an enforcing processor configured to enforce at the gateway in the provisioning of said service via said access network the traffic flow control policy" in combination with other claim limitations as specified in claim 31.

"means for receiving from said policy control entity a message including a traffic control policy decided on the basis information regarding the type of the access network; and

means for enforcing at a gateway in the provisioning of said service via said access network the traffic flow control policy" in combination with other claim limitations as specified in claim 34.

"making at a policy control entity a traffic flow control policy decision using one decision criteria the determined type of the access network via which the service is to be provided to the user equipment, the determined type of the access network being indicated in a message from a gateway to the policy control entity; and sending to the gateway from said policy control entity a message indicating said traffic flow control decision" in combination with other claim limitations as specified in claim 54.

"a decision making processor configured to decide at a policy control entity a traffic flow control policy decided using one decision criteria a type of access network via which a service is to be provided to a user equipment; and a transmitter configured to send to a gateway from said policy control entity a message indicating said traffic flow control policy" in combination with other claim limitations as specified in claim 58.

"means for deciding at a policy control entity a traffic flow control policy using as one decision criteria a type of an access network via which a service is to be provided to user equipment; and means for sending to a gateway from said policy control entity a message indicating said traffic flow control policy" in combination with other claim limitations as specified in claim 62.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT W. WILSON whose telephone number is (571)272-3075. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dang Ton can be reached on 571/272-3171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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